

MEXICO'S FATE IN BALANCE TODAY

Pan-Americans Gather in
New York to Decide
Country's Future

LEADERS NOT PRESENT

Conferees Abandon Plan for Peace
Conference of Mexican Leaders but
Will Hear Representatives.

Washington, Sept. 18.—The theater of diplomacy to secure peace and recognition of a responsible government in Mexico today veered from Washington to New York, where the third meeting of Pan-American peace conferees is scheduled for this afternoon.

It was learned on authority today that the conferees have abandoned plans for a peace conference of the Mexican leaders, as such. Instead, a joint conference of factional representatives is proposed.

It was reported here today that such a conference would be recommended by the Latin-American diplomats at today's New York conference.

As learned here the plan is for the conference to accept, with modification, Carranza's offer of a conference to discuss Mexico's "international problems" with a committee of the Pan-Americans.

Villa, Zapata and other leaders will also be invited to send delegates to it for immediate recognition, would.

By this means, the Pan-American representatives believe the whole question of Mexico's future and establishment of a provisional government, to be given the moral support of not immediate recognition, would be thrashed out.

More depredations of outlaw bands along the border were reported to the War Department today. Bandits are raiding isolated American ranches. General Funston reports difficulty in trailing and identifying the outlaws.

RE-OPENING OF SURPRISE.

Many Improvements Made in Moving Picture Theatre.

Tonight marks the re-opening of the Surprise Theatre which was recently purchased by the management of the Richmond. A four part Mutual feature, "The Reward," featuring Miss Bessie Barriscale, supported by a strong company, will be presented.

Among the changes made is the increase in the seating capacity of the house, the same now having a capacity of over five hundred sitting. One of the large partitions between the Lobby and Auditorium has been entirely removed, also the stage, dressing rooms and the screen re-arranged. The house will be at all times partially lighted by an improved electric system without interference whatever with the pictures. The color scheme is old rose and white which prevails throughout the entire building.

The management promises an excellent program of pictures at all times including many features and tonight will, in all probability, witness the attendance of a very large crowd.

See program in conjunction with that of the Richmond elsewhere in this evening's edition of the Gazette.

YOM KIPPUR RITES TODAY

Most Solemn of Jewish Feasts is Being Observed.

The most solemn day in the Jewish calendar was begun yesterday evening with impressive services and musical program in the Jewish synagogue on north Washington street and will continue throughout today. This is the Jewish year is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, and began at sunset yesterday, lasting until sunset today.

Celebrated with most sacred and impressive rites of the Jewish church, the day is one that all Jews keep strictly. It calls for abstinence from food for 24 hours, and all-day services in the synagogues today. The observance of the holy day is considered of double importance because of its falling on Saturday.

G. A. R. ARRANGEMENTS

Plans Completed for Encampment in Washington.

Final arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the Grand Army veterans at their 49th Annual Encampment in Washington during the week of September 27th have now been completed. To correct any impression which might be gained by the association of ideas, it should be stated that the Encampment is not to be a tented affair. The reunion will not be held under canvas as has been the case with these affairs in many cities. Instead, the Washington Citizens' Committee has provided, for the use of the veterans, a building adequately adapted for the purposes of the Encampment and having, with the exception of the Capitol itself, the largest ground floor space of any structure in the city. This building is the one in which the last Census was compiled and stands on First street, adjoining the Capitol Plaza. The main floor is divided into two mammoth auditoriums in one of which the big reception on Tuesday night and the regular business session of the Encampment will be held. The other has been set aside for campfires and the dog-watch of the naval veterans. On the floor above, there is a row of twenty or more rooms wherein the various corps and departments will have their individual headquarters throughout the reunion. Rooms have also been assigned to be used as headquarters by the military and semimilitary organizations, allied with the Grand Army, so that all of the proceedings held in connection with the Encampment will be under one roof.

A feature of the arrangements never heretofore provided will be branch Post-Office established in the Encampment Building to which will be assigned by the Postmaster of Washington, a force of clerks who will handle all incoming and outgoing mail for the veterans, and all correspondence intended for the visitors should be addressed to the Encampment Headquarters. Rest-room, restaurant, hospital and other appointments and equipments necessary for the comfort and convenience of the old soldiers have been installed in the building.

The interior of the structure has been made to present a most attractive appearance by a force of decorators which the Washington Committee has brought from New York to give an artistic touch to the Encampment.

At this writing, the Weather Bureau officials, judging the future by the past have given it as their opinion that ideal climatic conditions will prevail in Washington during Encampment Week, and in view of all the preparations and arrangements which have been made, this is all that is needed to make the forthcoming Encampment, the most memorable one in the history of the Grand Army.

FOOTBALL SEASON NEAR

Football practice has been started at the Alexandria High School under the direction of Walter Nalls, captain of the high school football team several years ago before he graduated. "Tady" Schafer is captain this year and he and the coach expect to get in some hard work shortly before the regular season begins. Manager Gaines is now at work arranging a schedule and will have a number of fast teams as high school opponents this year.

IN MEMORIAM

In sad but loving remembrance of my dear sister, ROBERTA CROOK HILL, who departed this life suddenly two years ago tomorrow September 19th, 1913.

Oh, could I open wide the grave
And see thy face, once more
And hear thy voice, is all I crave,
As in the days of yore.

I did not know the pain you bore,
I did not see you die;
I only knew you went away
And never said good-bye.

If I had seen you at the last
And held your dying hand,
And heard the last sigh from your heart,
I would not feel so bad.

Her devoted Sister,
AGNES W. ADAM.

DEATH NOTICE

Departed this life, September 17, 1915 in her forty-ninth year, NANNIE BURWELL NORTON, daughter of the late Rev. George Hatley Norton, and Ann Burwell Norton. Funeral from her late residence, 616 Prince street, at four o'clock Sunday. Interment private.

TWO KILLED ON HOPEWELL ROAD

N. and W. Engine Strikes
Big Jitney Bus, Injuring
Powder Makers

SIX SENT TO HOSPITAL

Four Richmond Policemen are to
Patrol Road Between Powder City
and Petersburg.

Richmond, Sept. 18.—Two men were killed and six injured, several probably fatally, late last night, when a Norfolk and Western engine backed into a Petersburg-Hopewell automobile truck at Cedar Level crossing three miles west of the powder plant town.

One of the dead men is John (Happy) Gould, of Chesterfield County, the driver of the automobile. The other is a sandy-haired youth, apparently about eighteen years old, who has not been identified.

The injured are:
Branch Eppes, of Dinwiddie County, cut and bruised about the face, body and hips.
George Morrison, Petersburg. Injured about the face and hips.
E. L. Morris, Portsmouth, Va., face and head bruised and battered.
O. C. O'Neill, Benson, N. C., back and body hurt.
N. C. Hinkle, of North Carolina, hips and back wrenched.
J. C. Clarke, of North Carolina, face and head bruised.

Of the injured, Eppes, Morrison, O'Neill and Hinkle have probably been hurt internally, and one or two of them are regarded as in serious condition.

The injured were brought to Petersburg at 1:15 o'clock this morning on a relief train, which was hurried to the scene shortly before midnight, and all are now in the hospital in that city. Seven physicians from Petersburg, with a number of trained nurses went to Cedar Level in automobile and on the relief train.

The collision occurred between 11 and 11 o'clock. The engine was backing toward Petersburg, having been used as a "pusher" to help a freight train over the grade just east of Cedar Level. Freight cars standing on the side-track at the crossing are said to have prevented the driver of the car from seeing the approaching locomotive. None of the occupants heard the engine coming.

The rear end of the tender caught the truck just as the front of the machine was midway of the main track. Gould's body was carried a short distance down the track before the engine was stopped and was badly mangled.

The unidentified youth, who also lost his life, was on the front seat and his body was almost cut in two. The bodies of the dead men were left at the crossing pending the arrival from Hopewell of Coroner Hargrave of Prince George County.

There were twelve men on the automobile truck, which was known as the "Republic" Jitney. The four passengers who were seated toward the rear of the machine saw the approaching engine in time to jump and escape injury. All of the men, with the exception of Gould, are said to have been employees of the Du Pont Powder Plant, and were on their way to work. The identity of the sandy-haired young man may be established by the numbered brass check, which all employees of the plant carry.

The motor truck was split in two by the impact of the locomotive.

Policemen go to Hopewell.

Richmond, Sept. 18.—Four officers of the Richmond Police Department will go on duty today to patrol the roads between Petersburg and Hopewell, according to a statement made last night at Prince-George Court-house by Judge Jesse F. West, who has made requisition on Mayor Ainslie for the detail. Judge West said that the officers would appear in his court today and be sworn in as special policemen of Prince George County.

Reports of another hold-up on the Petersburg-Hopewell road were received in Richmond last night. A man

who was apparently a foreigner, stopped an automobile about 8 o'clock last night about halfway between Hopewell and Petersburg and called upon the passengers to give up their money.

In view of the numerous hold-ups during the last two weeks, the story of further activities on the part of highwaymen was received with credence in official circles, although no direct information was available. The Richmond policemen, when they are placed on patrol duty on the roads between the powder plant town and Petersburg, will be furnished with automobiles, and will cover both the river and upper roads between the two points, especially at night. They will be armed with Winchester shotguns, and will be prepared for any emergency.

T. L. Felts, one of the heads of the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency, of Roanoke, and possibly W. G. Baldwin himself will be in Richmond today to confer with Governor Stuart. The exact purpose of the conference is not known, but it is understood, that it will have to do with further arrangements for augmenting the police force at Hopewell in a determined effort to bring about law and order in the community.

The grand jury at Prince George Court-house yesterday reported that true bills had been found against two wholesale liquor houses of Richmond. Six indictments were returned against George Manisiotis, a Greek, charged with retailing liquor without a license.

Manisiotis was an important witness for the Commonwealth in the case of former Police Lieutenant John Porter, now on trial for bribery in the court at Prince George.

Judge West announced yesterday that the court had revoked its former ruling, under which all persons indicted for selling liquor, who would plead guilty, would receive fines of \$75, with no jail sentence. The judge stated that in the future the question of imposing the jail sentence would rest in the discretion of the court, in accordance with the recommendation of the Commonwealth's attorney.

LOCAL BREVITIES

The score at Richmond Bowling Alley stood as follows last night: Virginia 874, Steele 822.

Effie Dulany Ross beloved wife of Geo. Ross died in Lewiston, Maine Thursday noon. Funeral services at 2 o'clock Sunday at the 1st. Baptist Church.

The appeal of Cora Brown from a decision of the police court sentencing her to the state reformatory, which was scheduled to be heard in the corporation court today has been postponed on account of the absence of Judge L. C. Barley from the city.

Funeral services for John W. Travers, who died suddenly yesterday morning, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock from his late residence, 622 North Patrick street, and will be conducted by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace Episcopal Church.

Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows is making plans for participating in the laying of the corner stone of Accotink Lodge, No. 75, at Accotink, Va. on Sunday afternoon, September 26. The corner stone laying will be under the auspices of Canton No. 1, Alexandria.

Stephen Davis has sold to W. Wallace Nicholson a house and lot on south Alfred street between Gibbon and Franklin streets. James M. Treagle and Norman H. Treagle and wife have sold to Sarah Webster, a house and lot on the south side of Lee street between Gibbon and Wilkes streets.

PLANS FOR PARADE

A meeting of the parade committee of the Sunday schools of Alexandria was held last night at the Westminister building, and routine matters in regard to the preparations for the event were transacted. Another meeting will be held next Tuesday.

DIED:—Wednesday night, September 15th, RICHARD DOGAN, 75 years old, at his late residence 406 S. Fairfax Street Alexandria, Va. Funeral from the residence, Sunday Sept. 19th, at 1:00 p. m. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

BRITAIN FACING CABINET CRISIS

Combination of Members to
Force Issue on Conscription
Question

ELECTION IS PROBABLE

Issue is of Serious Moment—Position
of Various Secretaries on Propo-
sition Explained.

London, Sept. 18.—A political sensation of the first magnitude has been caused by the publication in the London Daily News of particulars of an alleged plot whereby a minority of the most powerful members of the Cabinet have determined to force the issue of conscription in the Cabinet at an early date; next week is mentioned.

Failing an agreement on the subject, the Daily News declares, the Ministers in question intend to resign their offices, precipitating a Cabinet crisis which would be attended by great peril to the nation.

It is stated that the object of the conscriptionists is to force a general election on the issue of compulsory service.

Winston Spencer Churchill, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, addressing munition workers at Epsom yesterday, said:

"For the last four or five months the affairs of the Allies have not been as well as might be hoped. Three great military events of outstanding importance, while not disastrous, were disappointments.

"In France and Flanders a series of costly attacks was made on the German line, and, although ground was gained, the German lines were not pierced.

"In the great battle of the Dardanelles we gained invaluable ground, which led us forward but we have not the vantage point at which we aimed.

"Then came the invasion of Russia by the Austro-Germans in enormous strength, and the retreat of our gallant Allies, whose army, I am glad to say, is intact.

"While Russia is recovering her lost strength a new and unmistakable burden has fallen upon us. The situation is very serious.

"It is in our power to carry the war to a successful conclusion, but we can do it only if we utilize the whole strength of our national capacity."

The grief which separates the advocates of compulsory service and of the voluntary system is becoming wider.

The conscriptionist members of the Cabinet are Lord Curzon, Lord Lansdowne, Lloyd-George, Winston Churchill, Bonar Law, Austen Chamberlain, Lord Selborne and Sir Edward Carson.

Lord Kitchener is as yet uncompromised either way. Bonar Law, Lord Long and Austen Chamberlain were not inclined a short time ago, at any rate to press compulsion if it meant a split in the Government. It may be added that Lord Curzon is one of its strongest advocates.

Lloyd-George is believed to favor a general election. Churchill probably will be found to be more in favor of a referendum. Lord Lansdowne is rumored to have weakened in his advocacy of late. But these qualifications as to individual attitudes are details. A conscriptionist Minister is already behind the scenes busy canvassing his friends in view of the coming crisis in the Cabinet.

DEATH NOTICE

Died suddenly on Friday, September 17th, at 8:45 a. m., JOHN W. TRAVERS, sr., beloved husband of Margaret R. Travers, in the 66th year of his age. Funeral will take place from his late residence, 622 North Patrick Street, Sunday afternoon at 5 p. m. Interment in Bethel cemetery. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

A precious one from us has gone
A voice we loved is still.
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.
Sleep on dear, loved one,
Sweet be your rest.
We need you, dear,
But God knows best.
By His Family.

FINDS NEW ARCTIC LAND

Stefansson, The Canadian Explorer,
Thought Dead, Turns up.

Nome, Alaska, Sept. 18.—Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Canadian explorer, who was believed lost in the Arctic, not only is alive and well, but has discovered a new land in the North and accomplished practically every purpose for which his hazardous journey was undertaken, according to word brought here by the power schooner Ruby, which arrived Thursday from Herschel Island. Stefansson, with two companions, Storker Storkerson and Ole Anderson, set out from Martin Point, Alaska, March 22, 1914, over the frozen Polar Ocean to search for supposed new lands in the Beaufort Sea.

Capt. S. F. Cottle, master of the Ruby, says that Stefansson is now on Banks Land, east of the Mackenzie, outfitting for continuance of the explorations to the westward to ascertain the full extent of the new land he has discovered southwest of Prince Patrick's Land. Stefansson discovered a continuance of the Continental shelf several degrees west of Banks Land and even determined its southern limits, but was unable to continue his explorations to the North and West.

FORD PLANS CHEAP SUB

Auto Maker Will Tell Daniels Detail of Boat Next Week

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 18.—Henry Ford has a plan for new submarines, one-fourth the size of those now used, which he will present to Secretary of the Navy Daniels when he confers with him in Washington next week. The new submarines, he believes, will prove such a staggering blow to high-cost naval armament that it will completely discourage the promoters of costly Dreadnoughts and will eventually be a great power for peace.

"It would be no trick at all to produce a submarine equipped with a gasoline engine for its entire motive power which could sail anywhere under the sea carrying a pill at the end of a pole powerful enough to blow the mightiest battleship ever built into a wreck of junk," said Mr. Ford today.

"The new submarine would be one-fourth the size of the present submarine.

"These submarines can be built at such a slight cost that all the incentive for greedy armament makers will be taken away from them. They will cost only a fraction of what the present submarines cost and only a fraction of 1 per cent of the \$15,000,000 Dreadnoughts."

FUSIONISTS ARE RESTRAINED

Norfolk County Muddle in Courts—Straightouts Are Victorious.

Norfolk, Sept. 18.—Judge James L. McElmore, of the Second Circuit, sitting for Judge C. W. Coleman, of the First Circuit, which is Norfolk county, had issued an injunction restraining the Norfolk County Democratic Committee from holding a primary on September 28th.

The State Democratic chairman, acting with the warring factions, ordered a primary to be held, thus giving the right to the electoral board, named by Judge Coleman, to name the judges.

The County Democratic Committee, which is the fusion organization, refused to accept that and made arrangements to name the judges and other officers. The primary will be held under the direction of the officers named by the electoral board.

The County Democratic Committee has not been elected since the straightouts defeated the fusionists two years ago, electing members of the Legislature, hence that committee is in control. The election of a new committee is one of the issues involved in the present controversy.

The straightouts have been making the fight for years, and they have at last won. There are this time two candidates for the State Senate—W. C. Corbitt, who is seeking re-election, and H. L. Alexander, the candidate of the fusion element.

It is understood to be the intention of Mr. Alexander to go to the courts and seek to restrain the straightouts from holding a primary, and thus to throw the control into the election of November next, at which time the Republican and negro's will vote for Alexander, according to the claims of the straightouts.

VILNA AS PRIZE OF GREAT ARMIES

Mighty Forces Clash in Violent
Struggle for Important City

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Germans Attack in Force East of
City, Aiming to Pierce Russian
Line—Railroad at Stake.

Petrograd, Sept. 18.—A violent battle for Vilna has begun. The Germans are attacking in great force east of the city. Several enemy detachments have reached the Novo Vileisk-Molodechno railway, and are attempting to pierce the Russian lines.

The official statement from the war office early today emphasized the fact that the fighting around Vilna is the greatest struggle now going on along the Baltic-Galicia battle line.

It is not improbable that the Czar will order the evacuation of the city within a few days if the enemy's attacks threaten the envelopment of the armies in that region.

German successes in this fighting and in the region southeast of Orany are offset by Russian victories in the southeast. On a front extending from the region of Derazno to Trenhowla, the troops of General Ivanoff have captured about 3,500 prisoners and have occupied three villages, the Austro-Germans at some points fleeing in disorder.

The official statement reporting the beginning of violent fighting on the left bank of the Vilija, near Vilna, adds significantly that the battle "is likely to develop ere long between the railway districts of Vilna, Novosient-siany, Molodechno, and Vileika." In the region of Lakes Medziel, Naroch, and Swir, cavalry fighting is occurring on a wide front.

Southeast of Oranj, the German attempts to advance on the Vilna-Lida railway have been repulsed with heavy enemy losses. It is admitted, however, that the enemy occupied the village of Radouny, south of Datiszki, after stubborn fighting. Another German detachment east of Grodno crossed the Shtshara river and occupied the village of Shara.

"In renewed fighting for the possession of Derazno, we drove the enemy from the outskirts," said the official statement. "Enemy forces retreated upon the village of Ruda Krasnovie, which was stormed and captured by Russian troops, who took 2,000 prisoners and four Maxim's.

"Near the frontier village of Gontowa, we counter-attacked successfully taking twelve officers, 540 men, and three Maxim's. In the Strya river region, north of Buczacz, we captured fourteen officers and 800 men. Northeast of Buczacz we occupied the village of Janewka and Pielawa, the enemy fleeing in disorder."

The German cavalry is driving for the railway between Molodechno and Polotsk.

This railroad parallels the Vilna-Dvinsk line, about twenty-five miles eastward. The two railways running south and southeast from Vilna are still held by the Russians, affording means of withdrawing the forces at Vilna, should it become necessary.

HEAT SPELL BROKEN

More Cooling Conditions Prevailed Last Night.

The mercury tumbled down the tube somewhat last night due to the wind which came out of the north late yesterday afternoon. There were only a few drops of rain here although there was a heavy shower in Washington shortly before eight o'clock and rain is reported throughout the east.

The weather man thinks that the heat spell has at last been broken and promises cooler weather for tonight and tomorrow.

NOTICE

All subscribers to the Gazette not receiving their paper promptly will please notify the Gazette office so that better service can be afforded.